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PART-I

Notifications, Orders and Declarations by Haryana Government

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, HARYANA
NIRVACHAN SADAN, PLOT NO. 2, SECTOR-17, PANCHKULA

Order

The 21st March, 2018

No. SEC/3ME/2018/1910.— The General Election of Municipal Committee, Taraori was held on 22.05.2016 and the result of the elected candidates was declared on the same day.

2. Section 13E of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973, provides that every candidate at an election shall, either himself or by his election agent, keep a separate and correct account of all expenditure in connection with the election incurred or authorized by him or by his election agent from the date of filing of nomination papers to the date of declaration of the result thereof, both dates inclusive. The account shall contain such particulars, as may be notified by the State Election Commission in this behalf. The total of the said expenditure shall not exceed such amount as may be notified by the State Election Commission from time to time.

3. State Election Commission issued Notification No. SEC/4ME/2006/9706, dated 19.12.2006 in exercise of powers conferred *inter alia* under Section 13D and 13F of the Act and made the Haryana Municipal Election Expenditure (Maintenance and Submission of Accounts) Order, 2006. Clause 5(6) of the Order provide that every contesting candidate or his election agent shall lodge account of election expenditure within thirty days from the date of declaration of election result with the Deputy Commissioner or an officer authorized by the State Election Commission.

4. Section 13D of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 read with Section 10 A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 further provides that if the Election Commission is satisfied that a person –

- (a) has failed to lodge an account of election expenses, within the time and in the manner required by or under this Act, and
- (b) has no good reason or justification for the failure

the Election Commission shall, by order published in the Official Gazette, declare him to be disqualified and any such person shall be disqualified for a period of three years from the date of the order.

5. In pursuance of the above provisions, the State Election Commission, Haryana *vide* its Notification No. SEC/3ME/2011/619, dated 03.06.2015 in exercise of powers vested under clause (i) Article 243 ZA of the Constitution of India, Sub-section 3 of Section 13E of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 had prescribed the limit of expenditure of Rs.75,000/- that may be incurred by the contesting candidate or his authorized agent in connection with election of Municipal Committee, Taraori and account of election expenses shall be filed/lodged with the Deputy Commissioner or any other officer prescribed by the Commission within 30 days from the date of declaration of the result of election.

6. The State Election Commissioner, Haryana in exercise of powers contained under Section 3B of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 authorized District Attorney, State Election Commission, Haryana *vide* Order No.SEC/1ME/2017/2017, dated 01.12.2017 to decide the cases of disqualification of the candidates, who failed to lodge their account of election expenses.

7. As reported by the Secretary, Municipal Committee, Taraori, the following candidates had contested the election of Municipal Committee, Taraori but failed to submit their election expenditure account within the prescribed time or thereafter :-

Sr. No.	Name of Candidate	Ward No.
1.	Raj Bala	2
2.	Kavita Devi	3
3.	Mamta Rani	3
4.	Sita Devi	6
5.	Ramesh Chand	9
6.	Neelam Rani	12
7.	Deepak Singla	14

8. The Commission had served a show cause notice upon them to explain as to why they should not be disqualified on account of non submission of election expenditure account within the period. They neither submitted their election expenditure statement nor responded to the show cause notice. I, had given them personal hearing on 27.02.2018 in the PWD Rest House, Karnal in the interest of natural justice *vide* letter No. SEC/3ME/2018/665, dated 12.02.2018. Sh. Manoj Kumar, Clerk, Municipal Committee, Taraori represented the Deputy Commissioner, Karnal.

9. The above mentioned contesting candidates neither appeared nor bothered to respond to the show cause notice in spite of service thereof through the District Administration. Therefore, it can be concluded that they have nothing to say in the matter. The above noted candidates deserve to be disqualified. Hence I, Anil Kumar Aggarwal, District Attorney, State Election Commission, Haryana, hereby order that all the above seven candidates are disqualified under Section 13D of the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 read with Clause 5(6) of the Haryana Municipal Election Expenditure (Maintenance and Submission of Accounts) Order, 2006 and Section 10 A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 for being chosen as, and for being a member of Municipality for a period of three years from the date of this order as they have failed to lodge the account of election expenses within thirty days from the date of declaration of election result without good reason and justification.

10. The office is directed to send a copy of this order to the candidate concerned through Deputy Commissioner, Karnal immediately.

Panchkula:
The 1st March, 2018.

ANIL KUMAR AGGARWAL,
District Attorney,
State Election Commission, Haryana.